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Hello, everyone. Happy New Year. Welcome to the first edition of our 9th year. We continue to be snowless here in the Montreal region, with unseasonably warm temperatures. It certainly wasn't a White Christmas this year, that's for sure.

My apologies for the Newsletter being a little late this month. The holidays went by quickly and before I realized it we were well into the first week of January. I hope to get back on schedule and have the newsletters out during the first week of each month throughout the rest of the year.

I hope that you all enjoyed the holiday period, always a great time with family and friends. I hope that 2007 will be a great year for all. As we enter the 9th year of this electronic newsletter, I again would like to encourage you to send along any interesting websites that you come across that you think may be of interest to our readers. Your input certainly makes my job a lot easier from month to month.

The Monthly Special Zone for January is somewhat quiet with not too many special events taking place. We do focus on Martin Luther King Day and something called National Hugging Day!

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THE MONTHLY SURVEY

LAST MONTH'S SURVEY

What pets do you presently have? Please specify the breed of animal (s) you have as well.

Many of you who responded, by the messages received indicated just how much a part of the family your pets are. Thank you for sharing your stories with me.

Dogs- 10 people; No pets- 3 people; Cats- 2 people

The most popular breed of dog was retrievers.

THIS MONTH'S SURVEY

As we begin a new year, let's reflect on 2006. Time magazine always chooses a Person of the Year. For 2006, Time made a rather surprising choice. The choice was "You"! Not it's your chance. It could be a politician, a musician, a spiritual leader, an actor/actress, an environmentalist, or even someone from your own family. Our survey question this month is "Who is your choice for Person of the Year for 2006"?

Please send your response, by e-mail, to hfnewsletter@...

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THE COMMENTS ZONE

Steve Bass, Columbus, Ohio: Merry Christmas to you too and thank you for having perhaps the single most interesting service for those who like SWLIng and related things.

Kevin Carey, West Bloomfield, New York: Please continue the excellent service you are doing for the SWL community through your Radio HF Newsletter.

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THE CONTRIBUTORS ZONE

6 contributors this month, other than myself!

Bill Bergadano, Colts Neck, New Jersey
Ed Butcher, St-Basile-le-Grand, Quebec
Richard Cuff, Allentown, Pennsylvania
Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec
Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario
Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia
Brock Whaley, Lilburn, Georgia
Yahoo Weekly Picks

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THE MONTHLY SPECIAL ZONE

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. RESEARCH & EDUCATION INSTITUTE

http://www.stanford.edu/group/King/

January 12 to 14 marks the 2007 King holiday event. Learn about events taking place as well as information about King.

NATIONAL HUGGING DAY

http://www.nationalhuggingday.com/

National Hugging Day was founded on January 21, 1986. This celebration of hugging has been embraced internationally in places such as the United States, Canada, England, Australia, Germany and most recenlty St. Petersburg Russia! Schools, nursing care facilities, hospitals, and numerous other groups and organizations jumped on and held-on-tightly to this exciting, family-friendly event! Remember, ask first!
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THE JANUARY ZONE

Each month we feature the monthly page from Wikipedia, the free, on-line encyclopedia.
The page features an overview of the month, plus background and general information on the month itself. The actual monthly calendar, clickable day by day, gives a list of special events in history, famous birthdays, anniversaries, etc. for each day.

Here is the link for the month of January.

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/January

Also, here are some special days in January:

WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS

12-14 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Celebration

SPECIAL DAYS

15 Humanitarian Day
15 Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday Observed

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

13 Penguin Awareness Day
21 Squirrel Appreciation Day
21 National Hugging Day

Source: Chase's Calendar of Events 2007

VIA

http://espanol.ucanr.org/Calendario/January_2007.htm

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NEW FROM KENWOOD

TM-V708A Dual band transceiver

The advanced Kenwood TM-V708A dual bander provides world class communications. You will also enjoy wideband receive 118 MHz to 1.3 GHz. The TM-V708A is similar to the TM-D700A except that it does not have APRS firmware, TNC or computer hookups. It can receive two frequencies simultaneously (even on the same band!). 200 alphanumeric (8 char.) memories channels with a memory bank scan function is featured. The front panel is fully detachable. In addition to CTCSS and 1750 kHz tone burst, you also get DCS (104 codes) plus ten DTMF memories. The unit provides a maximum of 50 watts on VHF and 35 watts on UFH.

You will find complete details on the TM-V708A on the Kenwood Electronics webpage at
http://www.kenwoodusa.com/products/ListProduct.aspx?
k1=3&k2=9&k3=10&pr=2238

For pricing and availability on this, and all other Kenwood products, please contact Radio HF.

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THE RADIO ZONE

20TH ANNUAL WINTER SWL FESTIVAL

http://www.swlfest.com/

VIA Richard Cuff, Allentown, Pennsylvania

This convention is the largest gathering of listeners to the radio spectrum longwave, mediumwave, shortwave (broadcast, utilities, pirates), VHF/UHF, FM, scanners, television and satellites in the United States, perhaps the world. About 200 persons from around the world attend each year. It is a nice way to break out of the doldrums of the northern hemisphere winter. Broadcaster representatives, clubs, and vendors attend. The extended, 20th anniversary edition will be taking place in Kulpsville, Pennsylvania, March 8 to 10, 2007. You'll find a registration form, hotel reservation info, etc. on this site.

THE RADIO INFORMER

http://theradioinformer.blogspot.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a collection of news and links for the radio hobbyist.

RADIO SCOOTER INTERNATIONAL

http://www.radioscooterinternational.com/

VIA Bill Bergadano, Colts Neck, New Jersey

Thanks for stopping by the website of the internet's most fun radio station, Radio Scooter International! Each week we bring you great music of today and days gone by; be sure to check out the broadcast schedule link.

RADIO JAMMING

http://www.radiojamming.info/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This website is about radio broadcast jamming - the massive technological effort directed toward censoring unacceptable content in the USSR (1931-1988), Czechoslovakia, Poland, Bulgaria, East Germany (1951-1988), China, Cuba, Iran, Vietnam (2003) and other countries.

INTERVAL SIGNALS ONLINE

http://www.intervalsignals.net/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This is a collection of audio clips of foreign radio stations, with identification announcements in various languages, signature tunes, jingles and interval signals.

K1DWU

http://www.k1dwu.net/

Via Ed Butcher, St-Basile-le-Grand, Quebec

Ham radio news, links, classified ads and much more.

VINTAGE HAM

http://www.vintageham.com/index.htm

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

This page, created by Cliff Ellement VE3CFE, is dedicated to the construction and operation of Vintage Ham radio stations of the 1920's and 1930's era. Both authentic stations and those of the homebrew kind are featured here including vintage tube transmitters, receivers, and tube power sources.

THE 500 KC. EXPERIMENTAL GROUP FOR AMATEUR RADIO

http://500kc.com/

VIA Brock Whaley, Lilburn, Georgia

This page offers the latest information on 600 meter experimental radio operations.

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ETON-GRUNDIG

GRUNDIG G-4000A AM/FM/Shortwave radio

The new G4000A is capable of receiving AM, FM, continuous Shortwave, as well as SSB (Single Sideband) for two-way shortwave communications such as amateur radio operators.

You can get complete details on this economical portable receiver from the Eton/Grundig webpage, including a downloadable manual for the radio at
http://www.etoncorp.com/product_card/?p_ProductDbId=6294

For details on this radio, and other equipment from Eton/Grundig, please contact Radio HF.

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THE GENERAL ZONE

KIRK LAPOINTE'S J-NEWS

http://www.kirklapointe.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Although this page has not been updated for some time, it is a wonderful gathering of media related links around the world, in various fields.

INTERNATIONAL JOURNALISTS' NETWORK

http://www.ijnet.org

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The International Journalists' Network (IJNet) is the world's premier resource for the media assistance community. It is an online service for journalists, media managers, media assistance professionals, journalism trainers and educators, or anyone else with an interest in news media around the world.
Our mission: to help connect journalists with the opportunities and information they need to better themselves and raise journalism standards in their countries. Hand-in-hand with that mission, IJNet strives to track media training and other assistance efforts in more than 150 countries, helping donors and organizers avoid duplication and learn about innovative programs around the world.

GUERRILLA NEWS NETWORK

http://www.gnn.tv/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Guerrilla News Network is an independent news organization with headquarters in New York City and production facilities in Berkeley, California. Our mission is to expose people to important global issues through cross-platform guerrilla programming.

FUTURE OF MUSIC COALITION

http://www.futureofmusic.org/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

The Future of Music Coalition is a not-for-profit collaboration between members of the music, technology, public policy and intellectual property law communities. The FMC seeks to educate the

media, policymakers, and the public about music / technology issues, while also bringing together diverse voices in an effort to come up with creative solutions to some of the challenges in this space. The FMC also aims to identify and promote innovative business models that will help musicians and citizens to benefit from new technologies.

DAYPOP

http://www.daypop.com

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Daypop is a current events search engine. Daypop crawls the living web at least once a day to bring you the latest information relevant to your searches.
The living web is composed of sites that update on a daily basis: newspapers, online magazines, and weblogs. Currently, Daypop indexes over 59000 of the best news sites and weblogs on the net every day. If you know of a site that should be included in the Daypop index, feel free to submit it.

CHUCK SHEPHERD'S NEWS OF THE WEIRD

http://www.newsoftheweird.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Welcome to News of the Weird, the weekly syndicated newspaper column (founded 1988) that is the most widely-read bizarre-news feature in the United States--indeed, the gold standard of weird-news reporting, appearing in more than 250 newspapers in the U.S. and Canada.

ORCA CLASS PATROL CRAFT TRAINING

http://www.jproc.ca/rrp/orca.html

VIA Jerry Proc, Toronto, Ontario

In November 2006, the Royal Canadian Navy accepted the first in a new series of vessels known as the Orca class. These PCT's (Patrol Craft Training) will have primary roles as trainers and secondary roles as patrol vessels. Orca has been specifically designed for training and equipped with the very latest and best electronics technology. All the radio and navigation fits have been detailed with lots of images.

THE MOST DANGEROUS ROADS IN THE WORLD

http://thrillingwonder.blogspot.com/2006/11/most-dangerous-roads-in-world.html

VIA Yahoo Weekly Picks

The world's most dangerous roads have a few characteristics in common. They're frequently the only way in or out of a place humans need to get to. They often resemble a wet spaghetti noodle flung at an unforgiving chunk of the Earth's surface. And nearly all of them lend new meaning to the word "road."

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BOOKS & PUBLICATIONS FROM THE AMERICAN RADIO RELAY LEAGUE, THE RADIO

SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN, and others.

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Micorsoft Powerpoint viewer and Adobe Acrobat Reader included
Minimum System Requirements: A 400 MHz Pentium PC with 256 MBytes of RAM and Microsoft Windows XP or Windows 2000.

CD-ROM, 2006. Produced by American Radio Relay League (ARRL). (ISBN: 0-87259-986-8) #9868 - $24.95 Canadian
Available in late January!

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System Requirements (Microsoft Windows and Macintosh): 2006, Microsoft Windows XP Professional or Home Edition with Service Pack 1 or 2, Windows XP Tablet PC Edition, Windows 2003 Server or Windows NT with Service Pack 6 or 6a (the support on Windows NT is very limited), Windows 2000 with Service Pack 2; Macintosh OS X, version 10.2.8 and above. Adobe Reader 7.0.8 is supported on Windows and on Mac OS.

CD-ROM, requires Microsoft Windows or Macintosh. 2006, published by The American Radio Relay League, Inc. (ISBN: 0-87259-984-1) #9841 -- $24.95 Canadian
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THE FUN & SERVICES ZONE

MIRAVI-MERIS IMAGE RAPID VISUALIZATION

http://miravi.eo.esa.int/en/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

There's only one problem with most satellite-imaging services: They're slow to update the photos. That is, with the exception of the European Space Agency's site. You can see satellite images taken only two hours earlier! There are limitations, of course. You won't see the same detail you get on Google Earth. And you can only see places where there is currently daylight. But it is still cool! You'll need to use Internet Explorer for this site. I was unable to zoom in and out or pan using Firefox.

WORLD TIME SERVER

http://www.worldtimeserver.com/

VIA Elmer Standish, Courtenay, British Columbia

This service provides correct and current time in any world time zone, country or major city. Accurate adjustments for Daylight Saving Time (or Summer Time) are made according to each location's rules and laws. No matter what time zone a country or city is located in, this is your top choice for a clock resource site.

THE JUNK FOOD MECCA

http://www.junkfoodmecca.com/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

Junk food lovers of the world unite!! Welcome to the Junk Food Mecca, your one-stop junk food supermarket, providing non-nutritious links to any junk food type of junk food. The links are divided into several categories.

BOING BOING

http://boingboing.net/

VIA Sheldon Harvey, Greenfield Park, Quebec

A directory of wonderful things, this site is a blog about what's new in science, technology, industrial design, toys, and art.

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THE 2007 HAMFEST/FLEAMARKET AND SPECIAL EVENTS ZONE

Each month we list upcoming events, including
hamfests, predominantly in Canada. NOTE: All times quoted are local.
(Compiled by Vernon Ikeda VE2QQ, Pierrefonds, Quebec, and Radio Amateurs of Canada)

Saturday, February 3
Niagara Peninsula Amateur Radio Club Big Event 29 - St. Catharines, Ontario
Location: Merriton Community Centre, 7 Park Avenue, St. Catharines, ON
Vendors 07:00 - Public 09:00 to 13:00
Admission $6.00, Tables $20.00 (includes 1 admission)
Talk-in: VE3NRS 147.240 (+) PL 107.2 Hz
For table reservations please call Dave Wilson at 905-262-5588, ve3bbn@... and for information contact John Boswell, VA3BOZ at va3boz@.../ 905-227-0155

Web Page: http://www.nparc.on.ca

Saturday - February 24
Burlington Spring Fleamarket - Burlington, Ontario
Location: Royal Canadian Legion - 828 Legion Road, Burlington, Ontario
Vendors 07:00, Public 09:00 - 12:00. Admission $6.00 Tables $10.00
Talk-in VE3RSB 147.210 (+) PL 131.8 Hz
Information and Table reservations: Ken Robinson, VE3WN at 905-637-0772. Mail reservations and cheques to Ken Robinson at 1389 Olga Drive, Burlington, Ontario L7S 1L1
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THE RESOURCES ZONE

The following is a listing of clubs, groups, and radio broadcasts that may be of interest to you.

THE CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL DX CLUB (CIDX)

CIDX is Canada's national radio monitoring club, serving radio hobbyists since 1962. Our monthly newsletter, MESSENGER, now published electronically, covers all aspects of the radio monitoring hobby.

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http://www.anarc.org/cidx/

THE INTERNATIONAL RADIO REPORT

The International Radio Report, soon to enter its 20th year on CKUT-FM Radio McGill, 90.3 FM in Montreal, is available via the Internet on RealAudio, live streaming, and on the airwaves of CKUT, Sunday mornings at 10:30 AM Eastern (1530 UTC). The show's co-hosts, Janice and Steve Karlock, present a weekly half-hour of news, information and developments in radio broadcasting. Visit the Radio McGill web page for full CKUT programming:

http://www.ckut.ca

You may listen to archived editions of the programme through the Radio McGill web site. Send your comments or questions to the International Radio Report, by e-mail, to radioreport@...

RADIO CANADA INTERNATIONAL

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http://www.rcinet.ca

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